

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please substitute the paragraph on page 3, lines 7 to 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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a! The protocols of the present invention for communication between two entities across a network are such that their identities remain concealed ~~form~~ from each other, while ensuring that no third party is able to trace the existence of a conversation between them. The two entities correspond to each other through pseudonyms. The protocols are also designed with an object to distribute trust so that an identity is not revealed by the compromise of any one agent involved in the execution of the protocol. No one agent can establish a correlation between a pseudonym and a physical address.

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